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1.

There were a series of accelerated courses in various fields of specialization of uranium mining. The purpose of these courses was to turn out mass produced specialists because of the shortage of politically reliable trained specialists who could participate in the project.

2. The weekday class schedule for the course in construction ran from 8 a.m. until 12 noon, with two hours for lunch, and then from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m., depending on the amount to be covered. Classes on Saturdays ran from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sundays were free. The following subjects were given: Mathematics, Drafting, Building Materials, Political Indoc-trination, Basic Study of Building Machinery, Installation, Science of Construction, and Geodesy. There were seven or eight instructors, of whom source identifies the following:

- a. Engineer Petr Votava, instructor in drafting and mathematics.
- b. Engineer Janicek (fnu), instructor in science (mining) of construction.
- c. Lang (fnu), [redacted] instructor in geodesy. He also taught safety precautions and construction machinery.
- d. Ladislav Prokes, instructor in principles (zakony) of construction.

The director of the school was Hermann (fnu). There were 28-30 students in the construction course.

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3. Upon completion of the course, some of the students [redacted] participated in building housing for workers assigned to uranium mines. 50X1-HUM
In addition to the students there were 200-250 volunteer workers and 150-200 prisoners working on the same housing project. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
prisoners were brought to the area each day by bus. Some of the students participated in the construction of a "huge" reservoir at Bozi Dar. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. There were no uranium shafts located in Ostrov proper. The housing project at Ostrov was presumably to accommodate workers at Jachymov.
5. A dangerous secret project called OTK was located between Jachymov and Ostrov. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. Ore was sent to East Germany, as believed to Dresden, via Bozi Dar.
7. [redacted] the following Soviet personalities connected with the Czech uranium projects: 50X1-HUM
- a. Volashuk (fnu), member of the Soviet trade mission in Prague in charge of the entire Czech uranium project.
 - b. Verchoba (fnu), Soviet general director of the Jachymov Mines.
 - c. Kazikov (fnu), manager directly concerned with the day-to-day operation of the mines, whereas Verchoba is over-all head. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
 - d. Yachmenikov (fnu), Soviet chief of the commercial and procurement section of Jachymov Mines.
 - e. Zherebchikov (fnu), Soviet inspector at Jachymov. He made regular tours of inspection of all uranium mines in the Jachymov area.
 - f. Utkin (fnu). [redacted] Utkin is in charge of some phase of construction at Horni Slavkov. 50X1-HUM
 - g. Golovko (fnu), Soviet chief of construction at Ostrov.
8. There are no Soviet guards. Mines and compounds are guarded by Czechoslovak National Security Corps (SNB) police.

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